



# VHA Office of Research and Development Research Volunteer Program

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## What is the Research Volunteer Program?

VA-wide, centrally managed, program to link research volunteers to VA research resources and research opportunities.

## Why are we starting this Research Volunteer Program?

VA research is done to improve Veteran healthcare and well-being of our Veteran population. The program will put Veterans in touch with VA research that matters to them; without Veteran participation we would not have a research program.

## What is the goal of the program?

Creating and sustaining a modernized connection between VA Research and Research Volunteers.



# VHA Research Volunteer Program Impacts

## Volunteer Experience



User Friendly, Veteran-focused.

## Increased Access to Trials

Veterans access research important to them across VHA.



## Optimize Valuable Data



VA data works to improve Veteran care.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Improve accessibility of research to all Veterans.



## Veteran Research Community



Improve information sharing and research visibility

## Study Completion and Results

Reduce study delays and cancellations so research results benefit Veterans.



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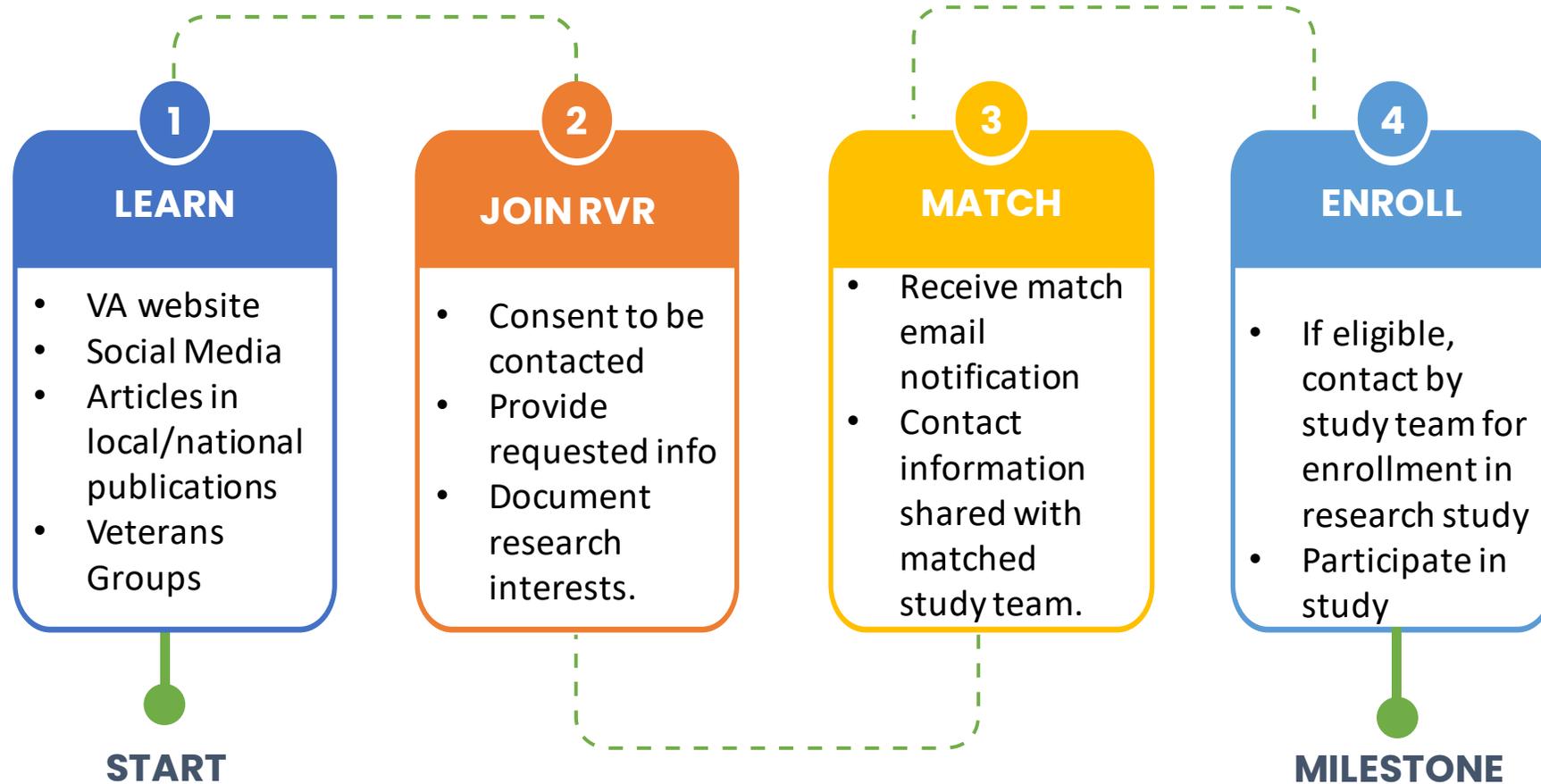


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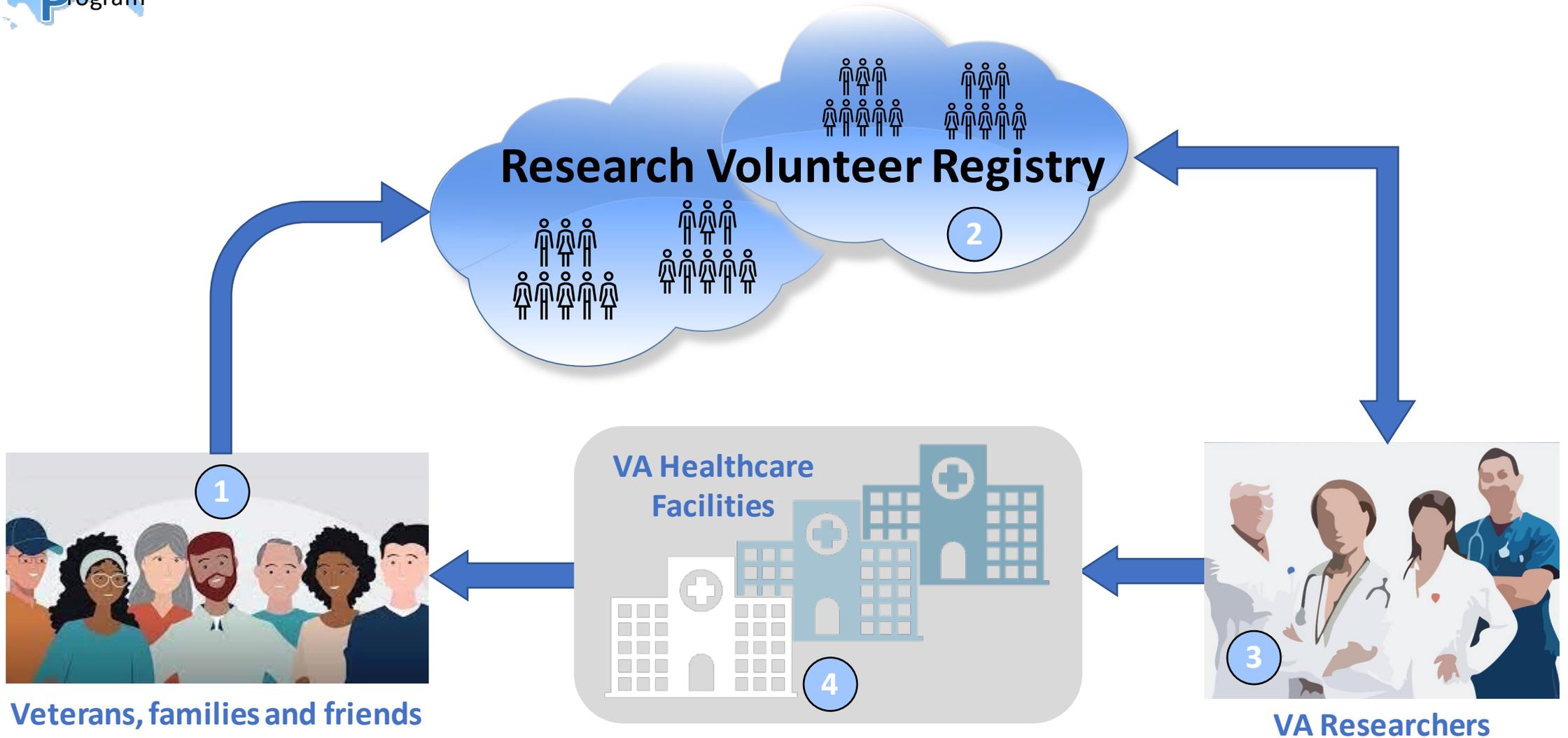


# Research Volunteer Registry

## Veteran's Enrollment to Participation

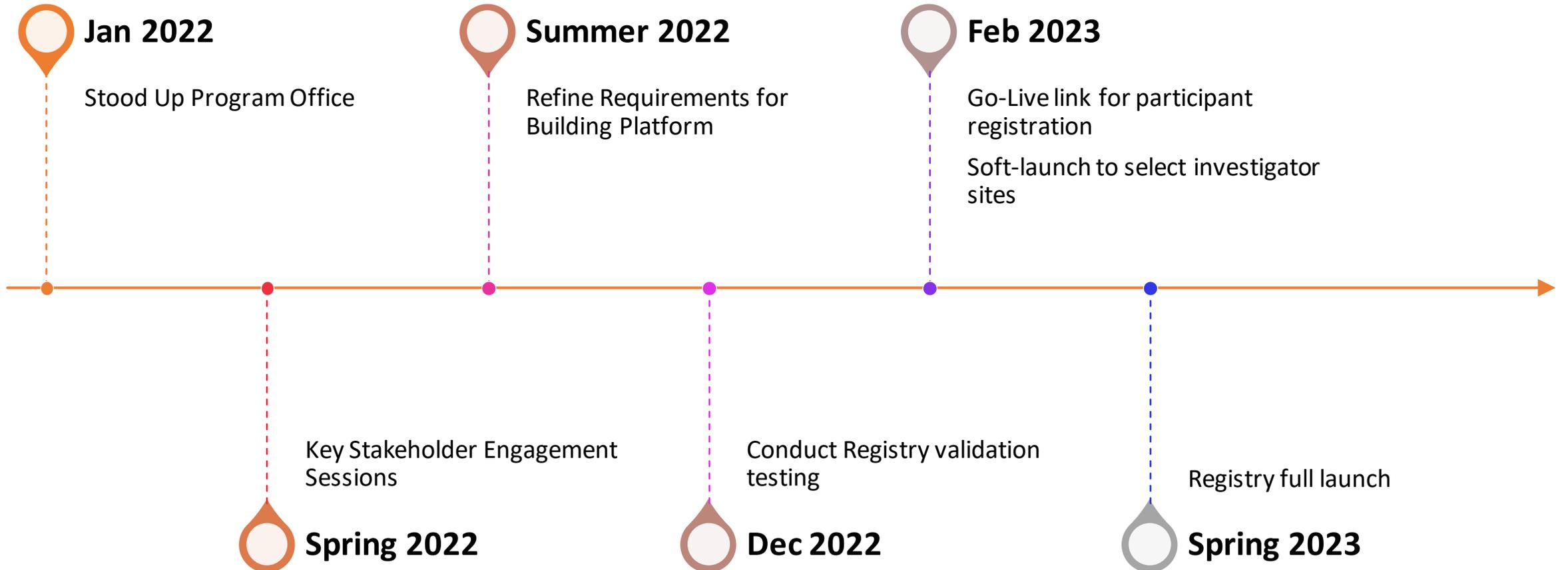


# From Research to Health Care





# Research Volunteer Program Registry Key Milestones



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